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Byrnie Bass graduated from Baylor University in 1969 with a B.A. Degree and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas in 1972. Since that time, he has been engaged in the private practice of law in Lubbock.

Mr. Bass is a past President of the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association, the Lubbock County Bar Association and is a Texas Bar Foundation Fellow. He was five times Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Farm Ranch and Agri-Business Bankruptcy Institute (West Texas Bankruptcy Institute) sponsored by the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association and the Texas Tech University School of Law. He also has served on the Planning Committees for the State Bar's Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Course, Advanced Business Bankruptcy Course and also for the University of Texas Law School's annual Jay Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference having also chaired that Committee in 1991, and he has for years served on the "Recent Developments" Panel which historically kicks off the Conference.. In 2003, Mr. Bass was selected to and inducted into the membership of the American College of Bankruptcy (Fellows, 15th Class). In 2010-2011, he served as Chair of the State Bar's Bankruptcy Section. For seventeen (17) years he has been on the list of "Super Lawyers" (makes one suspect the list).

Mr. Bass served as a Marshall at the 1999 and 2000 Masters in Augusta, Georgia. He is a past-president of Lubbock Country Club. He also likes smoky bars and music, particularly the blues, rock and funk. Active in civic affairs, he has served as Chairman of the Lubbock Arts Festival and on the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, where he previously served as Chairman in 1991-92. He served on the Lubbock United Way's Board of Directors, chaired the Professional Division of the Lubbock United Way's 2011 fundraising campaign, and was Chair of Lubbock's United Way fundraising campaign for 2014.

He and his wife, Sharon, (Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of Lubbock) to whom he has been married for 52 years, have two sons; Roy Byrn Bass, III (Rob), age 45, a writer and high school English teacher who lives in Austin; and Brett Bass, age 41, a professional bass guitar player who lives in New York City.

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